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Title

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SKILL MANAGEMENT OF KNOWLEDGE WORKERS IN

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ELECTION WITHOUT TRAVERSE

Sir:

The present communication is submitted in response to the Office Action dated October 30, 2008, in which the Examiner required the restriction to one group of the following invention:

Group I: Claims 1-13, drawn to a system for skill management of a plurality of knowledge workers in a software industry, classified in class 705, subclass 9.

Group II: Claims 14, 15, drawn to a network based system for skill management, classified in class 709, subclass 249.

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Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the invention of Group I, namely claims 1-13 without traverse. Applicants make this election without prejudice to the later filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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